



# Spotlight

September 2015

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## From the Pastoral Search Team

The Pastoral Search Team has been meeting regularly since June, with the first order of business being to engage an Interim Pastor. Once we have an Interim Pastor in place (target date October), we will aggregate the data from the congregational survey so that we can use the feedback from the congregation to guide us in the search process for a permanent pastor. Using guidelines and lists of candidates provided by the CBOQ, our work to date has included developing a short list of Toronto based candidates for an Interim Pastor. We have contacted several candidates and by September will have met with at least three potential Interim Pastors. Once the list of candidates has been narrowed down, we plan to ask the most suitable candidate to preach to the congregation in September, and provided the sermons are well received, we will move forward with next steps in the recruiting process.

CBOQ guidelines suggest entering into interim arrangements for a period of three months, with renewal terms included in the contract. Given our current financial position, the Interim Pastor will be engaged on a part-time basis. We will evaluate the success of this as part of our deliberations in placing a permanent pastor. If the part-time model is successful, then we may seek a permanent, part-time pastor for Calvary.

The Committee would appreciate it if members of the congregation could complete the survey circulated by e-mail or provided in hard copy at church by mid-September. Thanks go out to Shelley, Rex and Tom for their presence in the church through the week and for their pastoral support through this period. Your prayers and guidance are most appreciated. *Tina Timmermans, Pastoral Search Team Chair*

*Join Us in Celebrating  
121 years of ministry*

## Anniversary Dinner & Music Night featuring

### *The Tarnished Angels*

Wendy Dunits Choral group

Sat. September 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Clarke Hall

Bring a salad/ Cold cuts supplied

Donations accepted

### *Anniversary Service*

Sun. September 27<sup>th</sup>

*Guest Speaker:*

*Rev. Carlton Brown*

## Financial Report

We are now to the end of August and have the following notes on finances at Calvary. The total non-salary expenses are on target with the budget expectation. Salaries are lower than budget due to Al Robert's departures for London, but pulpit supply expenses have increased.

On the revenue side, we continue to monitor giving and note that envelope giving is about 10% below budget and last year's levels. This has been offset to some extent by plate and other gifts. Total revenue is 1.5% lower than last year and 3.5% below budget.

As we move forward the Finance Team will continue to monitor the revenue and expenses and support to the Search Committee and they continue their pastoral search. Please pray for both teams. As always, if you have any questions please talk to Sandy Drysdale or Heather Mains.

**Calvary lives to seek, know & worship God representing the redeeming love of Jesus**

# Did You Know ...

## Love, Sympathy & Prayers

- ⇒ The love, prayers and sympathy of our church family go out to Linda Mascella on the passing of her mother, Lorraine Martin, on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Cremation has taken place with a Memorial Service to follow in the future.
- ⇒ The love, prayers and sympathy of our church family are with the family of Audrey Knowles who passed away Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The funeral service was held Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> with Rev. Rex Deverell officiating.

## Wedding Bells

- ⇒ Lorraine Griffiths travelled to Ceylon, Saskatchewan where she attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Anne to Jeff on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This was a delightful country church wedding where all the neighbours for miles around attended. Anne is the daughter of Ross and Elizabeth Griffiths, Calgary.

## Of Interest

- ⇒ Hannah Roberts and Brandon Walker became engaged July 18<sup>th</sup> on the beach at Lake of Two Rivers, Algonquin Park. It is expected the happy couple will be married early next fall.

## Who Are We, Calvary?

I am so thankful for those on our Search Committee. It is a hard job. They spend hours talking to candidates for our next pastor, trying to find the right questions to ask, attempting to understand where we are as a congregation and who we need as a leader. They have to deliberate in secret – sensitivity is at a premium. Yet we all want to know who they are considering.

What makes it more difficult for them is that they are looking for both an interim pastor *and* a future full time minister.

They also need to consider church finances. Let's face it – we can't make an attractive offer to a pastor and family unless we are prepared to give them a reasonable salary.

Who are we, Calvary? Here is how I see us. Our people are conservative, middle of the road, and left leaning, both religiously and politically. Some ache for the old time, revivalist religion, others are high church Baptists and prefer a formal style of worship. Some are social activists. Some are on a deep journey of the spirit (and some are "all of the above.") Many are seekers who come from a variety of faith backgrounds who have found welcome and inclusion among us.

There is one conviction we have in common. We are open to one another's convictions. We do not condemn one another – although occasionally we rub each other the wrong way. We know that where Love is, there is God.

On Sunday mornings and in study groups we want to be inspired and encouraged. We want our minds to be stimulated and our

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## Scarborough Village Singers

The Kiwanis Club of Riverdale is having a fundraising concert on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Anglican Church 1512 Kingston Rd. at 7:30 p.m. The Scarborough Village Singers will perform. Tickets are \$20, with the proceeds going to our Eliminate Project.

Please speak to Henry or Rae Condie, or Paul or Barbara Sneyd for tickets and more information.

## Your "WILL" Can Support Ministry

A gift in your Will is a simple, thoughtful way to reflect your dedication to the vital ministry of your church. From the assets you accumulate during your lifetime, you have the ability to make a gift to allow future generations to benefit.

Once you have made the proper provision for your family, you can designate a portion of your estate as a gift to help continue your church work you are now supporting. Whether property, cash or investments and securities, your gift through your Will can play an important role in fulfilling our mission in our community.

If needed, your lawyer can easily make a minor adjustment to your Will, as a "codicil." When there's a Will, it makes everything easier and ensures your wishes are carried out.



Over the Summer weeks our sign said:

"Thanks God for Canada"

"Share God's Love & Care"

Invite to The Texas Quartet service

"Our Church is Prayer Conditioned"

"With Chocolate – Resistance is Futile."



I hope you had a wonderful summer, and it helped rejuvenate you in preparation for the fall. I felt very refreshed after I attended the Summer Institute of Music Conference in Whitby in early July. The focus was caring for oneself and for others, and a colleague and I felt it was the most beneficial conference we have been to there!

### Seasons of Worship Planning

As you may have heard, we will be returning to Ganaraska Woods on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for a day of worship and planning. Those who are on the worship team, are a part of the choir, praise team, sound team as well as worship leaders will have been invited by email to attend. Please RSVP either Sheelah Saunders or Shelley Faulkner by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you are able to attend this special day.

### Choir

Choir begins again on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. That evening we are going to start things with a social at 6:45 p.m. in the Resource room. Members are asked to bring goodies, fruit, or cheese and crackers for the social, and coffee and tea will be served. We will follow the social with a practice that evening, and we look forward to singing at the Anniversary service on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Praise Team

Monthly practices will start again on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:25 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Practices will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly.

### Special Music

In August, I enjoyed singing a duet with Tina Timmermans for Communion.

As always, I am looking for people that are interested in participating in the service vocally and instrumentally, either as a solo or as a small group. If you have something in mind, please speak to me.

I look forward to reconnecting with you as we start back into the fall season!

*Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music*

## Our Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> this year. Our community shoppers will be looking for a variety of gift giving items such as china, glass and crystal gifts, vintage jewellery, books, toys, CDs/DVDs. And of course goodies on our six table long food area full with our famous meat pies, jams, pickles, and pies, cookies, muffins, candies and fudge.

You can help by setting aside nice saleable items that you don't use anymore or by getting out your favorite recipes'. You can also use your talents to help at Friday's set up and on the big day.

Talk to Cynthia Sneyd, Eileen Kelly or Rick Moore for your part to make this a successful fundraising event



*We thanked Diane Houzer with a cake and flowers for her many years as Sunday School Teacher and leader. Goodbye and enjoy your new home in small-town Beamsville, Ontario.*

## Interim Administrator

Hard-working Carol Carney will be taking September to June off to look after her granddaughter. We are lucky to have familiar face, Daphne Hunt, in the church office. Her office and media skills will be well used. Take time to introduce yourself.

### Introducing Daphne Hunt:

Following my dad around as a pastor's kid, I have lived in Montreal, Eastern Townships of Quebec, Ottawa Valley, Sudbury and on my own the GTA. Living in west Toronto since 1987, I moved to the east end in 2004 and reacquainted myself with some family history on my father's side including his father's ministry at Woodbine Heights Baptist Church and the history of my great grandfather Harley C. Newcombe whose ministry brought him here to Calvary Baptist Church. So, over the next 10 months, I will share my graphic design and office administration skills to support your ministry as you live as beloved community on Main Street and with your neighbours further afield.

## Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre

July was an active month! Forty-five counsellors attended a two day training session, the first weekend of the month, to prepare for Adventure Day Camp. The camp ran the last three weeks of July with 65 campers plus staff coming from Oshawa each day. Junior and senior campers alternate days at Ganaraska Woods, and the facilities at Calvary Baptist in Oshawa.

The week following ADC we hosted the "Quinte Christian Music Camp Planning Retreat." This was a mid-week event with representatives from across eastern Ontario. They were enthusiastic and plan to return next summer.

Once again this summer, the volunteers of the Grace Pascoe Care Centre enjoyed their annual day at Ganaraska Woods on August 12th.

The week-end of August 21-23 we welcomed back members of Dufferin St. Baptist Church. They were regular guests in the past, but had not been with us for ten years! Marlene and Don assisted Cynthia in providing the meals for this group and renewed some old acquaintances.

Our Calvary Worship Team will hold their yearly "planning event" Saturday, September 12th.

### Thanksgiving Day at Ganaraska Woods OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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hearts moved. But we also want to be aware and involved and excited about sharing in God's work

Over the last few months we have welcomed a variety of speakers to our pulpit. They have challenged us, made us think, brought us closer to God. Their approaches have been different. Their love of God and their faith has been magnificent. Because we are different we have responded to them in different ways. Think of the speakers as a kind of series of paint chips. Each of us may have a favourite colour – but what would work for all of us?

We can help the Committee with feedback when they ask. We can help the Committee with finances – so that they can feel confident about the economic health of Calvary. We can help with prayer, lots of prayer. We can help with patience and appreciation. They are working very hard.

Until we have an interim pastor in place, the Worship Team will organize the services and the Pulpit Committee may bring a variety of speakers. It will be a great time of surprise and hope.

There are a few people, not many, who have not been with us since Pastor Allan left us. You know who you are. You have missed some wonderful experiences – but more than that we have missed you. Come and be part of this ongoing time of discernment and excitement.

*Rex Deverell, Minister Emeritus*



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## September Birthdays

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| 2  | Lorraine Griffiths |
| 7  | Tristan Drysdale   |
| 24 | Frank Carney       |

*There must be more September birthdays! If we missed yours, contact the office and let us know your special day.*

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> –  
**Rev. Tom Crosby preaching.**

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> –  
**Worship Team Planning Day**  
at Ganaraska Woods. 10  
a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> –  
7:15 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg.**

Wednesday, September  
16<sup>th</sup> – **Start up Choir Practice**  
6:45 p.m. get together and  
7:30 p.m. practice.

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> –  
**Rev. Wayne Wright preaching.**

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> –  
Part I of our **Anniversary  
Celebration** with Dinner  
6:30 p.m. (bring a salad,  
cold cuts provided) & music  
by *Tarnished Angels* (former  
member Wendy Dunits  
musical group) 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> –  
Part II of our **Anniversary  
Service** with Rev. Carlton  
Brown sharing the message.

*Every Tuesday & Thursday:*  
**Prayer Time** in the  
Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.



## The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

GPC Director: Kathie Collins-Williams • Director of Music: Sheelah Saunders

Administrator: Daphne Hunt • Building Manager: Jim Yolevski

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